THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) The documents purporting to create Private Trusts are registered under the provisions of the Registration Act, 1908. Such registration is done by the Registering Officers who function under the control and supervision of the State Governments and, hence, they are not primarily responsible to the Government of India. It is, therefore, not possible to answer this question.

Greater Autonomy to P.S.Us.

2127. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any International Conference on Financial Management and Accountability in the Public Sector was held recently in New Delhi; if so, the broad discussions/decisions taken by the Conference; and

(b) whether S.B.I. Chairman favoured greater autonomy to P S.Us. so as to enable them to compete successfully with the private sector in an era of liberalisation; if so, reaction of Government of India thereto and to other recommendations made by the conference?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The subjects discussed at the Conference are mentioned in the enclosed statement (*See* below) Chairman, S.B.I. had addressed the Conference on 8-2-1994 on the subject of "Challenges for Public Enterprises in an era of Liberalisation". No formal recommendation was made either on this subject, or on other subjects discussed as the Conference was purely a forum for an exchange of views and ideas. The reaction of Government, therefore, does not arise.

Statement

1. Government financial Management and its importance to Effective Government;
2. Accounting and Reporting Standards;
3. Autonomy and Accountability of Public Enterprises;
4. Privatisation of Public Enterprises—International Experience;
5. Reforms and Innovations in Financial Management—International Perspective;
6. Borrowers Accountability for International Financing;
7. Evolution of Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness Audit-Attributes of Well-Performing Enterprises;
8. Challenges for Public Enterprises in an Era of Liberalisations;
9. Approach to Privatisation for India;
10. International Finance—Debt Structure and Servicing;
11. Social Infrastructure—The Emerging Scenario;
12. Liberalisation and the Role of Bureaucracy;
13. Management of Public Utilities—Agenda for Asia;
14. Aid Utilisation and Accounting;
15. Economic Performance and Public Sector Management Reform;
16. Government Financial Statements—Issues and Users;

17. The Many Aspects of Women as Managers;

18. Role of Central Bank in Economic Development;

19. Auditing and Managing Development Assistantce Programs—Perspective and Lessoins;

20. Information Technology : Its impact on Financial Management;

21. Memorandum of Understanding—An instrument of Efficiency for Public Enterprises; and

22. Strategies for Managing Change.

Contribution of hike in procurement prices of foodgrains towards inflation

2128. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the substantial hike in procurement prices of foodgrains as well as hike in certain administered prices has contributed cost-push factor to inflationary rate;

(b) the contribution of increase in procurement prices as well as administered prices in inflationary process; and

(c) how Government propose to tackle the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b). Following the revision in Central Issue Prices of rice, wheat and sugar, the WPI rose to 251.9 in the week ended 5-2-1994 from 251.1 as on 29-1-94, representing an increase of 0.3 per cent in the general price level. The index was, however higher by 8.53 per cent over the same week of last year. The direct impact of increase in administered prices of petroleum products and LPG was estimated at 0.4 per cent. Thus the overall direct impact on the general price level may be 0.7 per cent.

(c) Government monitors continuously the price situation in respect of essential commodities and intervenes by augmenting supplies through PDS and of late by resorting to open market sales of rice and wheat from public stocks. This has particularly helped in moderating the open market price of foodgrains after the Central Issue Prices for PDS supplies were raised.

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2129. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 19 फरवरी, 1994 के "टाइम्स आफ इंडिया" में "रूपीज 7000 करोड़ बैंक डिफाल्ट बाई लार्ज हाउसेस" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि गत वर्षों में लगभग 2000 करोड़ रुपए के ऋण को अशोध्य ऋण मान लिया गया था ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि उक्त ऋण में कुछ ऋण ऐसे भी हैं जिनकी राशि करोड़ रुपयों में है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो एक करोड़ या इससे अधिक राशि के उन ऋणों की संख्या कितनी है जो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान बट्टे खाते में डाले गये हैं; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार उन दोषी व्यक्तियों जिन्होंने अभी तक इन बड़े-बड़े ऋणों की राशि नहीं लौटाई है, के नाम प्रकाशित करने का विचार रखती है ताकि अन्य संस्थानों को वित्तीय हानि से बचाया जा सके ?